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SUBJ: MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE INITIATED UNDER STATE OF SIEGE

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IN RECENT MESSAGES THE EMBASSY HAS REPORTED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE LOPEZ ADMINISTRATION MIGHT INVOKE A STATE OF SIEGE IN COLOMBIA. WHILE IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT PRESIDENT LOPEZ WOULD ENACT MEASURES SIMILAR TO THOSE INITIATED UNDER PREVIOUS STATES OF SIEGE, IT MIGHT PROVE USEFUL TO THE DEPARTMENT TO BE AWARE OF THE KINDS OF MEASURES IMPOSED BY PRESIDENT PASTRANA IN FEB 1971 AT THE BEGINNING OF THE LAST STATE OF SIEGE IN COLOMBIA. CITING THE LOSS OF LIVES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF VALLE RESULTING FROM UNIVERSITY STUDENT DISTURBANCES, DISTURBANCES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AND RURAL LAND INVASIONS, PRESIDENT PASTRANA DECREED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES, UNDER ARTICLE 121 OF THE CONSTITUTION:

A. GOVERNORS AND THE MAYOR OF BOGOTA WERE AUTHORIZED TO IMPOSE CURFEWS, PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE, PROHIBIT CONGREGATIONS OF MORE THAN THREE PERSONS, INITIATE MEASURES TO PROTECT THE OFFICES OF THE PUBLIC FORCES, SEARCH VEHICLES, AND PROHIBIT OR RESTRICT THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION

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OF ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACES.

B. SECURITY FORCES WERE EMPOWERED TO ENFORCE A PROHIBITION AGAINST THE CARRYING OF ARMS, INCLUDING THE ARREST OF VIOLATORS FOR SIXTY DAYS AND TO PROHIBIT PARADES AND DEMONSTRATIONS. THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT OF SECURITY (DAS) WAS AUTHORIZED TO COMPILE LISTS OF PERSONS SUSPECTED OF CAUSING OR BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR GRAVE ACTS, SUBVERSION OR OTHER ACTS AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE. SUCH PERSONS COULD BE SUBJECTED TO SURVEILLANCE AND HAD TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THE POLICE OR THE MAYOR TO LEAVE THEIR PLACES OF RESIDENCE. VIOLATORS WERE SUBJECT TO THIRTY DAYS ARREST.

C. IN ADDITION, CENSORSHIP WAS INVOKED, INCLUDING THE RESTRICTION OF PUBLIC NOTICES. LOCAL OFFICIALS WERE AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ACTION TO ENSURE AGAINST SCARCITY, SPECULATION AND HOARDING TO BASIC NECESSITIES.

D. MILITARY COURTS WERE GIVEN JURISDICTION IN THE FOLLOWING INSTANCES: INFRACTIONS AGAINST SECURITY, ACTS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND INTERNAL SECURITY, DELINQUENCY, KIDNAPPINGS, EXTORTION, ARSON, ROBBERIES OF BANKING AND OTHER SAVING INSTITUTIONS, ROBBERIES INVOLVING 10,000 PESOS OR MORE, AND PUBLIC DEFENSE OF CRIMES.

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